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The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on January 16, 2009 still does not supply a proper marked-up version of the claims. Specifically, applicant had not complied with 37 CFR 1.530(d) 2 which requires that applicants include the entire text of each patent claim which is being proposed to be changed and include markings indicating the text to be omitted and the text to be added. Therefore the claims submitted July 10, 2008 were not entered. Subsequent amendments should show changes to the current claim set which is those that were submitted January 4, 2008.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARALYNNE HELM whose telephone number is (571)270-3506. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8-5 (EDT). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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